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Christian Klein, Chairperson  
Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals  
51 Grove Street  
Arlington, MA 02476

Re: 1165R Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA – Comprehensive Permit

Dear Christian:

Thank you for getting me the second iteration of the draft decision so quickly.

I have reviewed it and have the following additional edits:

1. Page 17 – C.1(d) – Revise the first line as follows: “All plantings shall consist of native and non-invasive species.”

Our landscape architect advises that cultivar plants need to be used to achieve the landscape design/plan submitted to the Conservation Commission.

2. Page 17 – C.1(g) – Revise as follows: “The Applicant has submitted . . .”
3. Page 30 – I.6 – Revise as follows: “While no dewatering operations are anticipated by the Applicant, . . .”
4. Page 32 – I.20 – Revise as follows: “The Notice of Intent filed under the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40) and its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) shall also include a detailed evaluation addressing the elements described in the guidance provided in Section 24E as followed: . . .”

5. Page 33 – I.23 – Revise this paragraph as follows:

“As part of the Notice of Intent Process associated with rerouting the Ryder Brook channel, the Conservation Commission shall review the Applicant’s proposal for the scheduling of the work to be performed for rerouting the Ryder Brook which work shall include:

- a. Grading the proposed Ryder Brook channel.

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- b. Stabilizing the Ryder Brook substrate with the approved stone/substrate material.
- c. Temporarily stabilizing the Banks and adjacent areas with seed."

I had reduced the local preference from 70% to 50% based on comments from Director Raitt and a majority of the members of the Select Board. Your Board may determine otherwise.

While reviewing the draft decision this evening, I will provide the Board with the rationale for the revisions made to the provisions provided by the Conservation Commission.

In advance, I thank you.

Very truly yours,



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